

St. Benedicts Catholic Church

Pastoral Council Meeting

Minutes

May 12, 2009

Present: Mike Force, Joe Bauer, Lynn Sherman, Fred Murillo, Doug Burrer, Ron Stark, Jim Buswell, Mary Preston.

Meeting Started at: 7:12 pm

Opening

Group Prayer led by Deacon Lynn

Introduction of new members and guests: Joe Bauer

Motion was made by Jim Buswell to approve April 14, 2009 minutes. Second was made by Ron Stark. All were in favor - Minutes approved.

Review of written reports:

Joyce Crawford has resigned as Liturgist/Sacristan. We are in need of more volunteers, there are now only two Sacristans serving, Ron Stark and David Dalton. Mary Preston volunteered to be Sacristan and Theresa Garnhart volunteered to do the 3 month scheduling.

Guest to be heard: Joe Bauer reported that hard cuts were made in the budget this year, one cut was in the rentals for classroom space at the Patriot Learning Center. The Religious Education program will be moving more classes into the Parish House and utilizing more of the rooms to decrease rooms needed at the PLC from 6 down to 4, thus saving \$50.00 weekly. Religious Education may have to raise fees per class per child.

Renewal of CD's within the next ten days, brings up the option of whether to stay at Farmers State Bank or move to another bank with a higher interest rate. Farmers State Bank is offering a 1.75 rate, US Bank, 1st Bank, and Academy Bank (Falcon Branch) are all lower with their 12 month rate. Joe Bauer recommended we stay with Farmers State Bank because of our long term relationship with FSB. Jim Buswell made the motion we stay with Farmers State Bank at the 1.75 interest rate for 12 months, second was made by Ron Stark, All were in favor, Motion was approved.

Financial Report:

A thirteen percent increase was seen month by month in tithing. For the Diocese of Colorado Springs Returning God's Gift's Appeal, St. Benedict's Parish has contributed 63 percent of our goal of \$9933.00. The families of the Parish will be asked to increase their tithing by a total of \$3.78 per week for the coming year to insure that we have sufficient funds to pay all of our bills and to meet Methodology. We will start paying Methodology on July 1st 2009.

Matthew 25 Project:

Issues that were discussed:

- Selection of families and who gets the \$100.00

- How do we select the families

- How do we distribute the funds, cash or check

- Put on the web and in the bulletin of the coming of Matthew 25

- Make up signs to put in the hallways, and or sticky notes

- To have coffee and donuts the month of July to explain the project

Proposed for Matthew 25 that all registered parishioners (147 are registered) be given \$100.00 per family. The Youth Group of St. Benedict's could deliver the monies to those not in attendance on that Sunday.

Old Business:

Mary Preston made the motion to move up the June Parish Council Meeting from June the 9th to June the 2nd. Jim Buswell seconded the motion - all approved.

Closing Prayer: led by Deacon Lynn at 9:00 pm